

Application No. 09/411,322

REMARKS

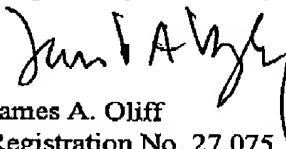
Claims 1-17, 19 and 20 are pending in this application. Claims 1-12 and 20 have been withdrawn from consideration. By this Amendment, claim 17 is amended and claim 18 is cancelled. Support for the amendment to claim 17 can be found, for example, in Table 1, at page 15 of the instant specification. No new matter is added.

Dependent claim 17 is amended solely to clarify the scope of that claim in view of the amendments to independent claim 13 (the claim from which claim 17 depends) made in the June 18, 2004 Amendment. In view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-17, 19 and 20 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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